

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 1, between the title and line 1:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 1, between lines 8 and 9 thereof:

**FIELD OF DISCLOSED EMBODIMENTS**

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 1, between lines 8 and 9 thereof:

**BACKGROUND**

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 3, before line 1 thereof:

**SUMMARY OF EMBODIMENTS**

Please insert the following new paragraphs on page 3, between lines 29 and 30 thereof:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCOMPANYING DRAWING**

Accompanying FIGURE 1 depicts a plant protection device according to an embodiment of this invention in use.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS**

Please amend the paragraph on page 4, lines 23-26 as follows:

In practice, as shown in Fig. 1, the protection device 10 is in the form of a tubular member which is totally or partially buried in the soil S surrounding a young plant P. When a part 10-1 of the device 10 is out of the soil, e.g. for protecting the young plant P against weather conditions, especially against the wind, the device has to be sufficiently transparent for allowing the photosynthesis.